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THE POWER OF PUBLICATIONS

by Holly Potter, Editor

For many years, predictions about the demise of publications in an instant-message world haunted those of us working in communications at independent schools.

As we adjusted to becoming content providers for social media, we learned to let go of saving everything for **The Magazine**—or magazines, as many schools used to publish more than one issue per year.

Today, most independent schools continue to publish annual magazines,

but they have evolved to reflect the fact that school news is posted, tweeted, and shared almost daily.

This issue of *The Victory* reflects this new reality: not every event or initiative that took place since the last issue (published in 2016) appears in these pages. Instead, it endeavours to convey the overall direction and perhaps even the *zeitgeist* of the school, as it continues to evolve.

We hope you agree that the Special Feature on Trafalgar's CORE 4 helps to achieve that goal



MS. KATHERINE NIKIDIS
HEAD OF SCHOOL

CORE 4 AT THE FOREFRONT

At the opening of this school year, I had the pleasure and the privilege of talking to our new Grade 7 girls about Trafalgar's CORE 4 Guiding Principles. As we sat together in a circle on the gym floor, I looked at the faces of these young girls—radiant with the excitement of their first day in high school—and realized how lucky they were to benefit from the thoughtful work of the faculty and staff who had articulated these principles for all of us.

The CORE 4 developed out of a series of internal workshops, organized by members of Traf's professional development team. In order to identify these underlying principles, our colleagues looked at every aspect of school life—from curriculum to clubs and beyond—and talked about their hopes and dreams for current and future students. As a result of these deep and fruitful discussions, they developed the following full descriptions of Traf's CORE 4 Guiding Principles:

BE OPEN

We encourage girls to be open to new challenges, open to taking risks, and open to failing forward. We want to build resilience in our students, and we ground both our teaching and coaching practices in a growth-mindset theory.

BE CURIOUS

We want our students to be life-long learners and have the independent thinking skills they need to be engaged citizens of the world. We believe this starts with curiosity. Through a variety of guided inquiry and perspective-taking activities, our students learn to ask meaningful questions rather than just find the "right" answers.

BE COLLABORATIVE

We believe in the importance of cooperative learning structures and activities that get our students to work and think together. Whether through Harkness dialogue or authentic performance projects such as our traditional House Plays, our girls learn how to listen deeply and respectfully, appreciate a diversity of perspectives, and speak using their genuine voices. Traf girls take advantage of opportunities to engage and collaborate with local and international partners.

BE COMPASSIONATE

Self-compassion, empathy, and concern for the well-being of others are behaviours that are reinforced daily at Trafalgar. Our Wellness Program teaches students what it means to be more mindful and helps cultivate a practice of being present. In both class and through special co-curricular projects, Trafalgar students learn about the importance of building a more sustainable world.

I feel a sense of profound gratitude and admiration for these educators, because they understood that by identifying and "naming" these Principles, we would have a common ground that informs our practice both in times of opportunity (for building partnerships or choosing resources, for example) and times of trouble or uncertainty (such as when we wanted to discuss this Fall's tragic shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue with the girls).

We have had numerous opportunities to call upon our CORE 4 to guide us, and shape how we do things—for example, this year Ms. McCabe has organized student advisory periods around these principles, and she has prepared the Advisors themselves to address themes and issues that relate to them.

As the opening pages of this issue of *The Victory* illustrates, the CORE 4 are being implemented and celebrated on numerous "fronts" inside and beyond the classroom. I invite you to read on and learn more about how Trafalgar IS what girls' education can be.

McGill + Traf Educators Put Theory into Practice



**Students Raise Awareness for Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls**

Traf's Science Department collaborated with McGill's Department of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE) to implement a student-led, inquiry-based learning project about MMIWG.



Grade 7 Class Inspired by REDress Project

By JESSICA DEER, REPORTER FOR THE CBC INDIGENOUS UNIT

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When a group of Grade 7 students in Christianne Loupelle's science class at Trafalgar School for Girls started the last school year, the majority knew little about the cases of hundreds of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

But today those students [...] are helping raise awareness among their school's community with life-size paper dresses inspired by the Métis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project.

"All of our dresses have so many meanings, and different meanings. That's just showing how many problems there are with this issue and we need to raise awareness," said student Caroline Whelan.

For student Dara Bordeaux, it meant a lot that her classmates were on board to learn about an issue that hits close to home. Bordeaux is from the nearby Mohawk community of Kahnawake. Her aunt Tiffany Morrison went missing in 2006 and four years later, her remains were found in a wooded area at the foot of the Mercier Bridge. The homicide case remains open with the Sûreté du Québec.

"It was nice to see that everyone was very excited to do the project, to make the dress and actually include some meaning in it," she said.



Bordeaux decorated her dress with a photo of her aunt, and other unsolved cases such as Maisy Marie Odjick, who went missing from Kitigan Zibi in 2008. She wanted to demonstrate the disparity between cases of missing Indigenous women and other women in Canada.

"Indigenous women, their cases are kind of pushed to the side while other cases are deemed as more important," said Bordeaux.

GRADE 7 GIRLS BRAINSTORM WITH PROFESSOR DAWN WISEMAN (TRAFALGAR SCHOOL '84).

She said it made her realize how big of a crisis it was, “that it wasn’t just like a few people, but all over the country.”

Bordeau’s mother Melanie Morrison spoke to the girls last year about their family’s experience and her role on the National Family Advisory Circle to the national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

“I think Grade 7 is a great time to introduce this subject because it affects our young women,” said Morrison. “It is a heavy subject but it is a reality that affects people across Canada. I would like to see more schools taking the initiative to have awareness projects like this. Native issues really need to be in our schools because what’s happening to our people is part of our Canadian legacy.”

The exhibition stems from a year-long student-led inquiry project through McGill University. Limin Jao, an assistant professor in the Department of Integrated Studies in Education, led the project with colleague [and Traf Old Girl] Dawn Wiseman.

“One of the challenging things about student-led inquiry, or one of the fears of teachers engaging in this process is the fear of the unknown,” Jao said. “What are students actually going to be interested in and can the teacher have the experiences or the knowledge on how to support the students in learning about that topic?”



That was the case for Christinane Loupelle, Science Department Head [and STEM Coordinator] at Trafalgar.

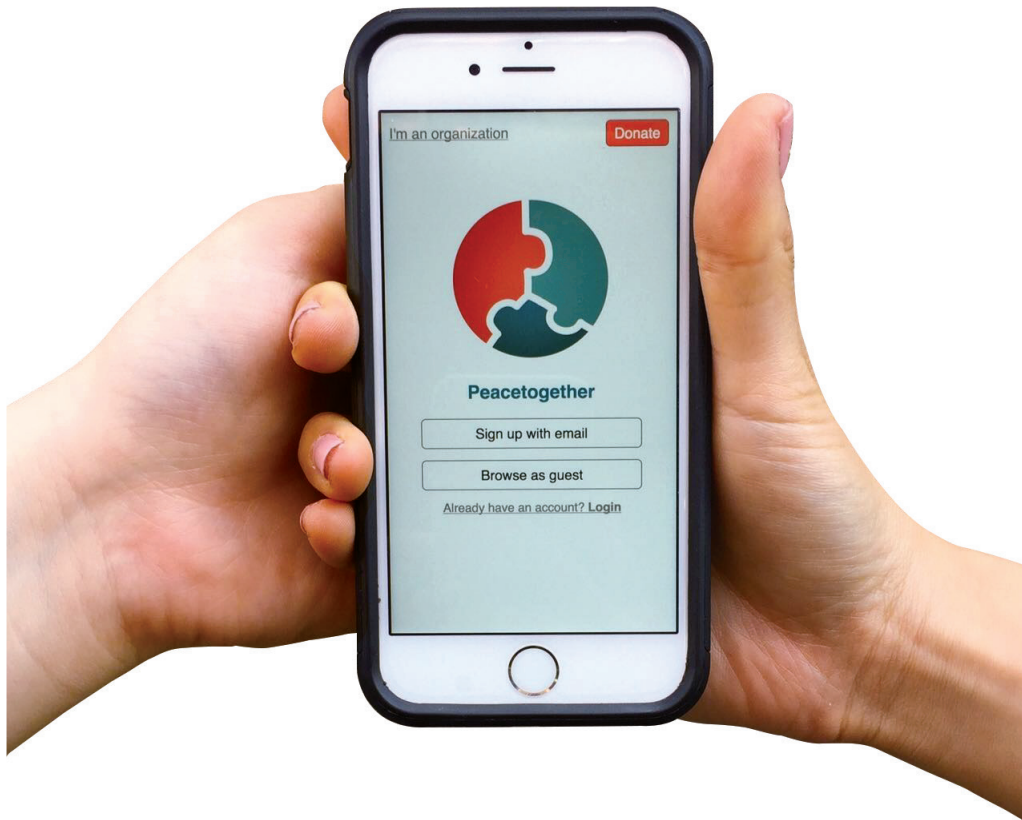
“As teachers we’re kind of scared about cultural appropriation,” said Loupelle. “We’re scared about misrepresenting people. We’re scared about not doing it justice because it’s such an important thing.”

She said it was as much of a learning experience for her as it was for the students.

“I learned that this is a very meaningful way of teaching. They’re never going to forget this, and that’s what education is supposed to be.”

TEACHER CHRISTIANNE LOUPELLE
INTRODUCES CAROLINE WHELAN (LEFT)
AND MEGAN FISHER, WHO EXPLAINED
THE VARIOUS PHASES OF THE PROJECT.

The #PeacetogetherApp Project



THE TECHNOVATION CHALLENGE

Winners of the Montreal Technovation Challenge in 2017, Trafalgar students Shuming Li '18 and Victoria Schwartz '19 took part in a mini media “blitz,” featuring in interviews with CTV, Global, and Le Journal de Montréal, as they helped to promote the competition. Grateful for the key role that Traf has played in their success, they also agreed to do an interview with *The Victory* about the creation of their award-winning app, “Peacetogetherapp.”

The Technovation Challenge is an international competition that encourages girls to see themselves not just as users of technology, but as inventors, designers, builders, and entrepreneurs.

What originally attracted you to the Technovation Challenge? We were very interested in learning how an app was made, from A to Z. Technovation is different from other competitions because you work with experienced mentors. Also, if you want to continue working on your project after the competition itself is finished, they will encourage and help you.

Can you tell us a bit about the process involved in a Technovation project? Guided by mentors, students work on designing an app. There are workshops and hands-on help for students, so they can get the design completed. For us, the Technovation Challenge involved finding an idea that we were passionate about, building a cohesive business plan, and building the app.



How did the idea for the #Peacetogetherapp take shape? We originally planned to design an app to help make it easy for people to volunteer, but after we heard author Kim Thúy speak at the Traf-Ross Lecture about her family's experience fleeing Southern Vietnam, and the challenges of their resettlement in Canada, we decided to integrate that original idea with the goal of helping refugees when they arrive here.

What is the purpose of the app? It's a cross-platform application designed to make volunteering personal, accessible, and social. The application builds a bridge between volunteers and organizations, allowing for an easy and efficient way to support and welcome refugees.

Coming to a new country, is extremely difficult, but connecting with people that have been in Canada for a while or their whole lives can really help.

Can you tell us a bit about how it works?

The app is a platform with two "sides"—the volunteer perspective, and the organization's perspective. Volunteers can easily look for "peaces" (assignments, such as helping to fill out a job application) that best suit their qualifications and interests. They can search based on location, keyword, organization and skill; they can also direct-message other volunteers, or organizations. There is a notifications page so they can see upcoming opportunities, as well as acceptances of their offers to help. Organizations can see a description of each volunteer's interests, languages spoken, availability, and a history of the "peaces" they've liked or completed.

Tell us a bit about the mentorship process?

We have had five mentors work with us: two of them were on the development side, and three were on the business side, helping us to build a business plan, as well as a pitch and demo video. Our mentors gave feedback and taught us so much about how our app would be perceived, as well as how to interview organizations and speak publicly. They gave us tools that we can use for the rest of our lives—we're SO lucky to have worked with them!

Do you think that being women played a role in how you designed your project? Being women plays a role in who we are as people, and that's definitely influenced how the app was designed and made. Women are often underrated in this field, and that can be difficult, but because of how we've been raised and taught, we are determined to push through and thrive in any situation.

How has Trafalgar helped you to prepare for this project? Traf's Multimedia class helped us to get started in coding, and our English classes have really helped us with communicating our ideas. Traf has taught us many things that we will carry throughout the rest of our Peacetogether experience, and throughout life.

What's next in this project, and what lies ahead for the two of you? We are currently looking for more developers to help us launch the app. We are both planning to continue studying in the sciences. We don't know exactly what we want to do afterwards, but both Trafalgar and Technovation have helped us in so many ways, and we feel very well-equipped to take on whatever comes next!



From Wurteles...

Newly appointed Members of the Order of Canada, Class of '40 graduates Rhoda and Rhona Wurtele are inspiring examples of how a lifetime of being open to new experiences benefits both body and mind.

Last February, the 96-year-old twins and their family members gathered with current Traf students at the Maywood Residence in Pointe-Claire to mark the opening of the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang.

They reflected on being the only female members on Canada's ski team 70 years earlier, at the 1948 Olympics: "It was exciting to be around women from other countries who loved to ski as much as we did—we all knew we were breaking barriers."

The duo spent much of their early life outdoors, pushing their limits on the ski runs and jumps near their Westmount home. At school, they tried out different sports—including swimming, and basketball—and encouraged their classmates to do the same.

Once they began official ski competitions in 1942, they won almost every race they entered, in Canada and beyond. They garnered many honours, including the prestigious Federation

Rose Bowl for Canada's Most Outstanding Woman Athlete (1945), induction into the Canadian Amateur Athletic Hall of Fame (1953), and induction into the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame (1969). They are proud to now add their Order of Canada awards to that illustrious list!

The twins are just as proud of the difference they made through teaching, coaching, and by establishing schools and clubs that made it easier for families to take up the sport: Rhoda began the Ski Jays school and club in 1956, with Rhona joining her to direct it in 1961; they formed the longstanding Twinski Club for women in 1964.

Last year, they helped to launch a new ski and snowboard hill in Ville-Émard, which is designed to make winter sports as accessible as possible.

As Ms. Nikidis commented, "both current and former Traf students are thrilled to be reminded that they are part of a legacy of determined and trail-blazing women."

to World School

Always open to new experiences, cultures, and people, Trafalgar has proudly represented Canada at the annual World School Forums for 20 years.

World School aims to create a “truly borderless” experience for high-school students by bringing them together from across the globe. Acting as cultural ambassadors for their region, participants are challenged to look beyond their own perspective, to realize they are part of a global community.

Trafalgar students who are interested in being World School participants in Grade 11 submit their applications while in Grade 10. To be accepted, they must demonstrate high academic standing, the ability to work both individually and in a team, and open-mindedness.

In the Fall of 2017, Ms. Loupelle and Mme Harton accompanied Grade 11 students to the World School Forum held at St. Paul's School in Brisbane, Australia. This time the Forum theme was, “The Future of Food and Water”: student delegates were tasked with creating solutions that could be brought back and implemented within their home school. (Traf's lunch menu became much healthier as a result!) The girls also had the chance to experience a life-saving course at a surf beach, visit the Australian Zoo, and participate in various activities with the Gubbi Gubbi or Kabi Kabi people. This Fall, Gabby Reim, Seyjii Schultz, Maddie Whelan, and Ms. Fanzone travelled to Japan to participate in the 2018 World School Forum. *See photos and news on Traf social media, and in the next issue of The Victory!*



In October 2016 Julia Rochford, Skye Scruton, and Erin Whitmore [above, left to right] travelled to Japan for the Forum. They joined participants from schools representing 21 countries, to explore various aspects of the theme “Food and Culture.” Delegates made informative presentations about food in their school, region, and country; and then brainstormed around solutions on the issue of convenience versus health. The Forum also included many cultural activities and tours (the Kikkoman soya sauce factory was a highlight!) as well as a four-day homestay with Japanese families, which truly allowed the girls to be immersed in another culture.




LEFT TO RIGHT: CAITLIN SIBTHORPE, KIMBERLY HÖNIG, ALEXA KASTNER, MS. LOUPELLE

SOCIAL MEDIA MASHUP@TRAF

2016-17

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Traf's Senior Team placed 2nd in the Montreal World Scholar's Cup.

Traf's Mental Health Task Force invited the Mindstrong group to do a presentation on: *Breaking the Stigma*. Professionals from the Jewish General Hospital as well as guest speaker Emmy Zemel '16 enlightened their audience of Grades 9, 10, and 11 students.



Our annual Women of the World (WOW) panel featured four accomplished guests: writer and Scotiabank Giller prize finalist Alix Ohlin '88, John Molson Women in Leadership Ambassador Elizabeth Pecoraro '13, Amanda Chalupa and Vanessa Cherenfant.

The Atwater Library's 150th celebration featured Canada 150 videos and paintings created by Trafalgar students.

Congratulations to Traf's All Stars who competed on the Eastern "Carolina Blue" team in the RSEQ Greater Montreal-GMAA All Star basketball game, at Concordia U. The final score was 58-27!



PROJECTION UP375: As part of Montreal's 375th anniversary celebrations, students from Traf and 18 other schools created images of future communities, which were shared in an animated projection at the **#quartierdesspectacles**.

Two Traf students—Saffron Tellier and Ashley Kastner—won prizes in the youth category of *La montagne en images*, a photo contest sponsored by Les Amis de la Montagne.

So proud of our 2017 MVP winners and our school on receiving the GMAA Sportsmanship Banner for the 10th year in a row.

Exam week is a lot less stressful thanks to our new Relaxation Room, featuring comfy beanbags donated by the Class of 2016! Thanks also to Blue Ribbon Therapy Dogs for visiting us. **#PetTherapy**



Traf's Junior Players performed *The Internet is a Distract—OH LOOK, A KITTEN!*, a short play by Ian McWethy. The Grade 7 and grade 8 actresses pictured are in wardrobe as social media apps.



Trafalgar was chosen to take part in Playtex Sport's online campaign promoting women in sport. Our girls, school, and gym featured in a powerful video. **@PlaytexPlayOn**

Congrats to the 2016 Glee Team on winning 2nd place in the Just for Kids Glee High School Showdown competition! Students created their own harmonies and worked with coaches to craft this award-winning performance. **#jfkGlee**



Every year, Traf students create House Plays—writing, producing, and performing in original theatrical productions as a group. Congratulations to **#DonaldHouse** on their win. **#HousePlays2017**

Kudos to Sec. V student Skye Scruton on receiving the Best Delegate Award at the Marianopolis Model United Nations **#ModelUN**

Our math students number among the best! Grade 11 student Ruixin Su placed 1st in Québec and 6th in Canada in the University of Waterloo's Fermat math competition. **@UWaterloo**

There's ALWAYS something happening at Traf: our social media channels are a great way to stay connected to life at the school. Here's just a small sampling of posts and tweets from the last two academic years—follow us to find out more!

2017-18

 facebook.com/
@TrafalgarSchoolForGirls



Congratulations to Fairley on winning 1st for their House Play this year, to Cumming for taking 2nd, and to Donald, Ross, and Barclay Houses, on sharing 3rd.


After a day filled with rapid-fire questions designed to test their knowledge of 10 novels, the Trafalgar team WON The Battle of the Books in the Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS) division final, and then placed 2nd in the "Ultimate Battle," competing against students from the EMSB and other boards.



Students on the community service trip to Costa Rica worked with local groups to restore a neighbourhood park in Cantarana. The travellers also helped out in the El Torito community at an after-school program.



Ms. Violini directed a cast of 17 talented senior students in NOOSES OFF! a fast-paced physical comedy. Congratulations to the cast and crew! #LaughOutLoud

 instagram.com/
trafalgarschoolforgirls



Encore, Encore! Our Junior players are such cards! The Traf version of Alice in Wonderland was a great hit.

Traf's Juvenile basketball team won the final in the GMAA Division III championship!



Computer scientists in training: we participated in the "Hour of Code," a 60-minute crash course that introduces students across the globe to the wonderful world of coding! The perfect supporting event for our STEAM curriculum.



Our UK trip was jolly good fun, with sightseeing at Eton College, Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds Castle, the London Eye and many other venues leading to lasting memories!

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@TrafalgarMtl



Four Traf students participated in the MARTK'D Sneaker Design Tournament held at Concordia University, and one even made it to the final round! @CU_FineArts

Traf's team won 3rd prize for its performance in the Glee High School Showdown, and was the top fundraiser! #JFKFoundation

At the Father-Daughter Breakfast, Cassie Jones '12 and her mother Dr. Shanly Dixon, spoke about the role fathers play in speaking up and out. Afterwards, Cassie WOWed students in a discussion and creative arts activity. #GotYourBack



It's another GMAA Sportsmanship Award for Traf athletes, and Awards of Merit for Coaches Loupelle and Smith. #Sportswomenlikebehavior

Congrats to the Traf Senior Concert Band and their Director Ms. Offer, on their Gold-winning performance at the Atlantic Festivals of Music. #GoldenGirls #MakingBeautifulMusicTogether

ADVANCING TRAF TOGETHER



LEFT: SHARON COZENS, (DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT)
RIGHT: KELLY CARRIER (ALUMNAE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR)

Greetings

The Advancement Office is responsible for advancing the school's mission by developing, nurturing, and strengthening relationships with Trafalgar constituents around the world. We work to bring these people together in support of the school through fundraising initiatives such as Annual Giving, and a wide variety of special events. The Advancement Office also serves as a liaison between the school and its key constituents, many of whom are represented by the Parent Community Network (PCN) and by the Trafalgar Old Girls' Association (TOGA). We love to hear about your Traf experiences, and look forward to the next opportunity to meet you in person!

BECAUSE OF YOU...



GIVING BECOMES LEARNING



Our Donors Make the Difference

If you are a member of the Traf community, we hope you enjoyed reading the Donor package that we mailed in November 2018. This booklet recognizes those who contributed to Trafalgar's Annual Giving campaigns in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years and invites you to support Traf's goals for the 2018-19 year.

If you didn't receive your copy, please contact the Advancement Office. You can find information about our current Annual Giving campaign on the Trafalgar website at trafalgar.qc.ca/support. We are also sending out timely E-notices about it over the course of the year!

The Power of Positive Parents

Parents of Traf students play a crucial role in contributing to the community feeling that sets the school apart: they can be seen helping out in the Uniform Shop,

Before passing the torch to new 18/19 Chair Tara Wilkie, they helped to lay the groundwork for our re-branded Parent Community Network (PCN).



acting as ambassadors, or volunteering for events such as Staff Appreciation Week, the Mother and Daughter BBQ, the Father-Daughter Breakfast, Career Day, Photo Day, Fundraising Galas, and more. Many thanks to the Parents' Committee Co-Chairs of the past two years—Lesley Pahl and Mia Fellen—for their leadership and commitment.

The network is made up of representatives from each class as well as from particular constituencies, such as our West Island group. The Network's goals are threefold: to STAY CONNECTED, BE INFORMED, and SUPPORT THE SCHOOL; all to be accomplished through a variety of initiatives. Stay tuned for news on their progress!



From the New TOGA President

I credit Traf for many of my values and attributes, but mostly for helping me find my voice and for shaping my leadership style. Since graduating, I have held a variety of leadership positions at Concordia University, including: President of John Molson Women in Leadership; Independent Director on the Commerce & Admin-

istration Students' Association Board of Directors; and Academic Case Competition Delegate.

I'd like to thank TOGA Past President Dawn Wiseman '84, for her leadership over the course of the last four years. Dawn was very involved in Traf life, not only leading TOGA activities and events and sitting on the School's Advisory Board, but also acting as a liaison to McGill's Faculty of Education, where she was teaching until her recent move to Bishop's University. I look forward to continuing to build on her work, as well as introducing new initiatives.

I see my mandate as an opportunity to connect the worldwide TOGA community. The past two years in particular have seen many regional reunions, and we will build on that tradition.

We are going to introduce new "TOGA In the City" events—activities organized by Old Girls, for Old Girls! I hope you will continue to stay informed via the TOGA E-Newsletter (if you haven't been receiving it, please let us know) and by following us on social media, particularly the new TOGA Facebook page! This is where we will post upcoming events, Old Girl accomplishments, and items just for fun, such as photos from the archives. If you have other ideas or suggestions, feel free to email me at: togapresident@trafalgarc.qc.ca.

—ELIZABETH PECORARO '13

TOGA EXECUTIVE 2018/19

President Elizabeth Pecoraro '13

Past President Dawn Wiseman '84

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Secretary Caroline Blakely '96

Board of Governors Representative Christina Nacos '85

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Meghann Cundall '96, Andrea Engels '97

Lindsay Hollinger '98, Olivia Benaroche '08

Lee MacNeil '12, Kate Whitmore '13

Olivia Bruzzese '13, Erin Whitmore '17

TOGA Reunions

Our reunions come in various shapes and sizes: from large book-signings in T.O. to cozy cocktails in NYC! Several gracious Old Girls (Cathy Ferguson Burrows '75, Rysia Wygnanski de Ravel '62, Marie-Anne Erki '75, and Caryl Churchill Harter '55) have also hosted gatherings in their homes.

Shown here: Ottawa Reunion, (at the right)

Kingston, NYC, and Toronto reunions (below, left to right).



Homecoming 2016

Our 2016 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend went by all too quickly! Old Girls and guests gathered to enjoy tours of their alma mater, hear from the Traf-Ross Lecturer, join in earning points at the House Carnival (congratulations Barclay), and enjoy a celebratory dinner at the St. James Club. The community spirit was palpable—so much so that several current students were overheard saying they couldn't wait to become Old Girls themselves!



Author Kim Thúy shared the harrowing story of her journey to Canada as a Vietnamese refugee following the end of the Vietnam War in the '70s. Her debut novel *Ru*, which reflects on these experiences, won the Governor General's Award for French-language fiction in 2010, was shortlisted for the Scotiabank Giller Prize in 2012, and featured in Canada Reads for 2015. Her lecture deeply touched the audience, and even inspired two Trafalgar students to create an app to aid refugees (see story in this issue).



Traf honoured Dr. Nilima Gulrajani '95, the 2016 Distinguished Alumna Award recipient, at the Montreal Reunion Dinner.

Distinguished Alumna Award

Nilima Gulrajani is an internationally recognized expert on effective foreign-aid management and public-sector administrative reform for both developed and developing countries. She was unable to attend the event, so Geoff Dowd (who was Principal when Nilima was Head Girl) read her heartfelt acceptance speech, in which she stressed three key points:

1. Her success is only the “first lap of a marathon run” as there is always unfinished business left to help the world become a kinder, fairer place
2. Whatever she has achieved has been from a position of relative financial security, physical safety, and good health. “Those who manage to do half as much without any of this are the real success stories”
3. Her supportive family and her mother's unwavering belief in her children allowed her to forge her own path and explore a non-traditional career

Thrilled to know that she had “made Traf proud,” Nilima was able to receive her award in person at the TOGA Holiday Cocktail in December.

Reunion Dinner

Our guests were all smiles at the cocktail reception given at the St. James Club in honour of the late Grace Phillips Hancock '41. TOGA President Dawn Wiseman '84 emceed the event, welcoming the newest Honorary Old "Girl"—Former Principal Geoff Dowd—to TOGA, and presenting him with a Traf tie. The School also presented Deborah Golberg '91, one of the 2016 Scholars & Explorers, with her pin.



FORMER STAFF MEMBERS
(L TO R): ROUVÉ RITSON,
SANDY KEYMER-TEMPLE
'56 AND MARGARET
CLEGG TERRY '56.

SANDY HONOURED
HER CLASS'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY BY GIVING
THE TOAST TO THE
SCHOOL.



1956



1976



1981



1986



1996



1991

Homecoming 2017

Old Girls from near and far came back to Trafalgar for the October 20-21 Homecoming festivities, celebrating the school's 130th anniversary! The weekend included a fun trivia game called "Are You Smarter Than a Traf Student?", lunch, TOGA Yoga, as well as the traditional Trafalgar Ross Lecture and Reunion Dinner. It was a wonderful opportunity for Old Girls to reconnect with one another, share memories and laughs, and discover today's Traf.



To commemorate Montreal's 375th, bagpipers from the St. Andrew's Society led the way into the Trafalgar-Ross Lecture, which featured two of Trafalgar's own alumnae. School friends Carolyn Taylor and Jennifer Moroz, both Class of '90, gave a thoughtful, inspiring, and humorous talk about making dreams happen while staying true to oneself, and about their Traf friendship, which continues to this day. Jennifer shared stories about her post-Traf journey, which led her to become Executive Producer of CBC's "*q*" and to a brand new role leading the redevelopment of CBC News. Carolyn talked about living her dream as co-creator, showrunner, and star of CBC's *Baroness von Sketch Show*.



Carolyn Taylor '90

Co-creator and Show Runner of the *Baroness von Sketch Show*, Carolyn Taylor is an award-winning writer, artist, actor, and comedian. She honed her skills in political and social satire at The Second City in Toronto, writing and starring in five original revues. Carolyn is the recipient of two *Canadian Screen Awards* for Best Show and Best Writing for *Baroness von Sketch Show* (2017), and has won multiple Canadian Comedy Awards, a Canadian Screenwriters Award and a Gemini nomination for her past work on *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. She honed her skills in political and social satire at The Second City in Toronto, writing and starring in five original revues. Additionally, Carolyn is an artist and member of the experimental art sound quartet *Mintz*, with whom she has enjoyed residencies at The Banff Centre for the Arts and Gibraltar Point. She says *Baroness von Sketch Show* is her dream job!



Jennifer Moroz '90

Jen Moroz is an award-winning journalist and newsroom leader whose career has spanned print, TV, radio, and online. She was a producer for *The Hour with George Stroumboulopoulos* and also served as senior writer for the Gemini-award winning show. Jen also spent her summers teaching journalism in Rwanda as a part of a media development program aimed at boosting journalistic standards in the tiny East African country, post-Genocide. Jen decided to check out radio next, and landed at *The Current*, CBC Radio's flagship morning national current affairs program—and Canada's most listened-to radio show. Following the successful redevelopment and relaunching of *q*—CBC Radio's flagship national daily arts and entertainment program—she joined the team leading the redevelopment of CBC News. She was named Executive Producer of Content Development, overseeing development of new and redevelopment of existing TV, radio and digital news programs and projects for the public broadcaster.

Distinguished Alumna Award

In what was a surprise for our speakers, our Traf-Ross lecturers were also presented with the Distinguished Alumna Award, as they truly embody the spirit and intention of the honour. Many members of the Class of 1990 were there to see it all!



LEFT TO RIGHT: MS. NIKIDIS, CAROLYN TAYLOR, JENNIFER MOROZ, AND SABRINA SANDY (HEAD GIRL)

Reunion Dinner

Emceed by TOGA President Dawn Wiseman '84, the Reunion Dinner once again took place in the beautiful St. James Club. Many graduates from the anniversary years were present. Carol McDermid Perry from the Class of '67 (celebrating 50 years) proposed a toast to Trafalgar on everyone's behalf: "I had an opportunity to visit the school today and meet some of its current students and was impressed with how

the school's legacy continues in offering girls the freedom and nurturing to explore and develop their interests and talents. "Tonight we are here to enjoy warm memories of our time and association with Trafalgar. Let us remember our classmates who couldn't be here tonight and those no longer with us. Please stand and drink a toast to Trafalgar School—its history and its future."



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LÉA ASSEDO Dawson College, Social Science
BROOKE BELOFF Blythe Academy, Grade 12
ALYSSA BENCHIMOL John Abbott College, Arts, Literature & Communication
HANNAH BICHER Dawson College, Psychology
JENNA BLATT Dawson College, Health Science
CAROLINA BRANT DA SILVA Marianopolis College, Commerce
OLIVIA CANDIDO Marianopolis College, Commerce
EMMA CONYERS Marianopolis College, Health Science
RYLIE DIABO Dawson College, Visual Arts
KATSI'TSAHÉNITE (SABRINA) DIABO John Abbott College, Social Sciences
SIGNY HARNAD Marianopolis College, Liberal Arts
ABIGAIL HAZAN Dawson College, Social Sciences
SYDNEY JOY Marianopolis College, Pure & Applied Science
CECELIA LOPEZ Lower Canada College, Grade 12
JESSICA MACINTOSH Dawson College, Child Studies
GABRIELLA MARTUCCI Marianopolis College, Commerce
JOELLE NADLER Vanier College, Special Care Counselling
CATHERINE ORLANDO Marianopolis College, Social Science
ALEXA PRONMAN Marianopolis College, Liberal Arts
JAYLIN RICE-DOUGLASS Centennial College
JULIA ROCHFORD Champlain College, Special Care Counselling
TAYLOR SAVELSON Marianopolis College, Law & Society
INUYA SCHULTZ Dawson College, Literature
SKYE SCRUTON John Abbott College, Social Science with Math (Honours)
ALLEN SU Marianopolis College, Pure & Applied Science (Honours)
SAFFRON TELLIER Marianopolis College, Social Science
KRISTINA ULECKAS Dawson College, Cinema & Communication
ERIN WHITMORE John Abbott College, Arts, Literature & Communication
ZYQUIAN (CINDY) WEI Marianopolis College, Pure & Applied Science (Honours)
CRYSTAL XU Vanier College, Social Science
YANTING ZHOU Marianopolis College, Pure & Applied Science

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2017 VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

INUYA SCHULTZ



Today I stand on my favourite place, this stage, honoured to be your 2016-2017 Valedictorian.

I would like all of my fellow graduates to think about this: Together, we witnessed the creation, peak and death of “Vine.” In Grade 7, we were Skyping, not Snapchatting. Five years ago, Gangnam style was not danced ironically, and the coolest thing you could have owned was an American Apparel scrunchie.

Thinking about where we started and where we are now is mind-boggling. Each and every one of us has matured immensely and although some of you may still be confused as to what you want to do or where you want to go next, my advice is to pour your heart into it. Give 110%. Worst-case scenario, you’ll wind up not liking it. In that case, do something else!

Life is ever-changing, sometimes in good ways, sometimes in bad ways. The last couple of years have been very difficult globally, losing beloved legends and actors, introducing a child to the White House, and seeing the harsh reality of the European migrant crisis. But I have faith in tomorrow because of girls like us. We need to make the world a better place and we have what it takes to make that change. We’re Traf girls: we’re strong, diligent, proud, capable, and smart. And yet we’re not Traf girls anymore...today we’re women.

Appreciate having an all-girls’ education because it truly is a gift. An education like this provides young women with a chance, and girls—when given a chance—go beyond what’s expected and do the unimaginable.

I wish Monsieur Pelletier could be here to see us graduate today because he would be proud of each and every one of us. He was a kindred

spirit and I know that he cared immensely for his students, even after leaving the school. From his passing, I’ve taken the knowledge that life includes heartening possibilities as much as it does disheartening truths. May he rest in peace.

To all the teachers here today, I want to say thank you for your patience and dedication and for being more than just educators, for being role models. A thank you to both Mr. Dowd and Ms. Nikidis, who in their own outstanding ways, have given the name Trafalgar School meaning and purpose, and have given the students a second home.

We are a driven grade; we are a driven school. Driven by support, progress, enthusiasm, and love. High school may be over for some of us, but we’re entering a new era of our lives. With the lessons and skills acquired here at Trafalgar, I know that each and every one of you is capable of doing something phenomenal, be it in athletics, arts, sciences, music, philanthropy—or puppetry! To those we leave behind, I wish you the best of luck in your continuing studies and endeavors. Although it’s been said over and over, I’ll repeat it one more time. It’s okay to make mistakes, and it’s okay to feel low. It’s important to learn how to mend what you break, how to solve problems. It’s important to reach out for help and to stand up for what you believe in.

Find yourself. It doesn’t have to be now or tomorrow or next week—give yourself time to mature. We’re taught to be limitless and to reach for the stars. Do so, and have fun doing it! Fill your lives with adventures and memories like the ones we’ve created here at Traf. Today is the first day of the rest of our lives. Be proud of who you are, spread love, and break a leg.

2017

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Cumming House

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Donald House

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Jaylin Rice-Douglass

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Wellesley McDonald

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Emma Conyers

THE JANETTE C. DOUPE MEDAL Shuming Li & Victoria Schwartz

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Jessica Macintosh

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Nicole Frankel

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Skye Scruton

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Julia Rochford

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Jill Blumer, Taylor Savelson, Yanting Zhou

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Signy Harnad

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Maya Hillcoat

Presented by the Trafalgar Old Girls' Association in memory of former teacher Muriel Bedford-Jones '22.

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Erin Whitmore

Sponsored by Yoko Narahashi '64 whose love of drama began at Trafalgar.

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Rylie Diabo

Presented to a student for excellence and enthusiasm in her artwork in honour of former teacher Hannah Ridolfi.

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Saffron Tellier

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MIKAELA BARRY Dawson College, Exploration Science
ENRICA CARUSO Marianopolis College, Psychology
DEMI CHAMOURIKOS Marianopolis College, Law, Society and Justice
MIA COFFIN IGARTUA Brébeuf, Science
REBEKKA DANIELS Marianopolis College, Social Science
MORGAN DOKE Marianopolis College, Arts, Literature and Communication
KARINA DULAT John-Abbott College, Commerce (Honours)
DESTINY DYER Dawson College, Commerce



CHLOE FELLEN Marianopolis College, Health Science
NICOLE FRANKEL Lower Canada College, Grade 12
MEIHIBA GANNON WILLIS Champlain College, Psychology
CLARA GRENIER Collège Lasalle, Fashion Marketing
KIMBERLY HÖNIG Dawson College, Arts, Literature and Communication
RACHEL HORNE Vanier College, Law, Society and Justice
HANNAH KALIN Dawson College, Health Science
ALEXA KASTNER Lower Canada College, Grade 12
JULIA KATZ Dawson College, Commerce
RACHEL KLEIN Marianopolis College, Health Science
ZINA KOUTSOS Marianopolis College, General Social Science
NIHARIKA LAL John-Abbott College, Science (Honours)
SHOSHANA LALLOUZ Dawson College, Law, Society and Justice
SHUMING LI Marianopolis College, Health Science (Honours)
JIAZHENG LIU Marianopolis College, Commerce
SERENITY LOPEZ Champlain College, Criminology
ANGIE MONTEMARANO Centennial College, Social Science
ANASTASIA MOUTZOURIS Dawson College, Law, Society and Justice
BELINDA RIVERA Marianopolis College, General Social Science
SABRINA SANDY Dawson College, Developmental Science
CAITLIN SIBTHORPE Phillips Exeter Academy
CHLOÉ WALTER Dawson College, Child Studies
FRANCES WHEELER-HUGHES Dawson College, North South Studies
SOPHIA WILLIAMS Vanier College, Communication, Media and Studio Arts

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SABRINA SANDY



Before I talk about the present, I'd like to go back to the year 2013. It was the beginning of an era—the beginning of high school, when we were just wee little elementary school girls, unsure of what high school was truly like. We were timid, and most of us knew only one or two other girls. I don't think it took us very long to break out of our shells though. Anyone in Mr. Held's English class could tell you that—every day in that class there was something new, whether it was a fun fact of the day, or learning dance moves such as “the sprinkler” or “the lawn mower” for our first high-school dance.

As the years passed, we changed. Change can bring uncertainty, and questions: “What class are you going to be in next year? Who are you going to sit with at lunch? What options will you pick? What CEGEP will you go to? What university?”

The year 2018 itself brought uncertainty for many, what with nuclear disarmament, trade wars and rapprochement with known dictators.

Uncertainty about the future is a universal issue. Whether we're young or old, everything is changing faster than we can comprehend it. I can offer some advice I've learned from a very wise man by the name of Ferris Bueller, who said: “Life moves pretty fast—if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” The one cure for uncertainty is grounding yourself in today. Look around, smell the roses, stop thinking about what's next, and just exist in the moment.

It was during this year's Prefect Barbecue that I first really understood this idea. The sound of Edith Piaf's velvety voice washed over the garden. I can vividly remember Ms. Litvack blissfully twirling around between girls and tables. And when the song switched to Bon Jovi, I saw Ms. Kwiatek

dance around in her seat. It hit me then that I was experiencing the Traf tradition of eating free hot dogs and hanging out with my friends for the last time. I stopped and really looked around at all the girls sitting on the lawn with their friends and grounded myself in that very moment. My worries dissipated. I felt connected again.

I had a similar experience on Field Day, seeing everyone together in that gym rolling down its length in cardboard tubes,—shoes flew across the sky, and teachers' kids were embraced as if they were Traf girls themselves. That kind of joyful abandon isn't something you see every day, and certainly not in any other school. That's something I think we all appreciate about Traf. Whether you come back days, weeks, months, or years later, it will be here, and so will that corny Traf family we've come to love. Traf is an anchor in the sea of uncertainty known as life. It's been our home for five years and those who weren't here for all five of them were still welcomed happily and with open arms into this big, loving, eclectic family of ours. No matter what happened, we always had the school and our grade to fall back on.

We've also had hardworking and great educators to help propel us into the future. Maybe not everyone had the pleasure of being taught by or even meeting Mr. Pelletier. He was an amazing and hilarious teacher and as a school I can say we're so thankful for all he gave us. We remember you today, Mr. Pelletier.

As for the Class of 2018, we're a loud and proud pack of 33. We're strong-willed, we lock horns, and we're persistent—but rest assured, it will be for the best in the long run. We're no pushovers, we know our place in this world as strong, smart young women who will never settle: the world will come to understand this about us in the very near future.

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CELEBRATING TRAF'S SCHOLARS & EXPLORERS

Trafalgar marked its 125th anniversary in 2012 with a celebration of 125 outstanding alumnae, dubbing them Scholars & Explorers. New names are added to this list annually, representing women in a variety of fields, who have achieved an array of accomplishments.



OLGA LAWES MELIKOFF '44

CHAMPIONING BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN CANADA

Olga Melikoff learned English, French, and Russian at a young age. Her passion for languages led her to study French in Montreal, Washington, and Paris, and eventually to majoring in the subject at Wellesley College. Her personal history made her conscious of the advantages of learning a second language when young. When it came time for her to decide whether to enrol her own children in a French or English school, Olga decided she “wanted something that had never been offered before—a high level of French within the English school system itself.” She found other like-minded parents, and in October 1963, the first meeting of the St. Lambert Protestant Parents for French Education took place. Facing opposition from school boards and educators, the group stood their ground and rallied support from the community. Olga and two other mothers established a model for the first French-immersion class in St. Lambert, which became the model for French-immersion classes across Canada, and for immersive language instruction in general. A recipient of the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Community Service Award in 2018, Olga advises young women today to “consider working with a small group of compatible people and don’t give up easily.”



SOPHIE GUPTA '01

DEDICATED TO GENDER EQUALITY

Sophie Gupta has first-hand experience in rising above systemic bias and gender-based discrimination, making her want to “set an example, and use [her] voice to break down barriers to change.” Through her work as a corporate lawyer and venture capitalist, as well as through her philanthropic and professional affiliations, she has done just that. At university, Sophie served as President of the Association for the International Model United Nations, and was Vice-President External Relations, Managers Without Borders. Her dedication to The Equality Funding Initiative (EFI) has helped to establish a model for “addressing the critical funding gap faced by grassroots women’s organizations and movements everywhere, inspiring innovative thinking for a more gender-equal world.” The Canadian government recently committed \$300M towards EFI’s one-billion-dollar goal. Sophie is Principal at Yaletown Partners and Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Canadian Venture Capital & Private Equity Association. She has served on several boards including the Canadian Women’s Foundation and the MATCH International Women’s Fund. She says: “Traf instilled strong feminist values in me—we were taught that we were brave, intelligent, powerful, kind, and successful.”



SUSAN SENECA '76

PASSION AND LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS

Susan Senecal's love for business developed after studies in human genetics and computer science at university. She joined A&W Canada in 1992, occupying a broad range of positions in operations, real estate, franchising, and marketing. With this vast experience, she was named President and CEO in February 2018—the first female and first fully bilingual CEO. Under Susan's leadership A&W has grown to over 930 restaurants nationally, employing more than 20,000 people. She has served on the board of Restaurants Canada as well as the board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. She is grateful for her Trafalgar experience, where she had her first food-service venture: making sandwiches for Field Day, and selling popsicles and ice cream! She says, "Standards were high, expectations were higher, and within the discipline and routine there was a freedom to assume leadership and create change."



ROSETTA SARAH ELKIN '92

LEARNING & TEACHING ABOUT LIVING ENVIRONMENTS

A teacher, researcher, practitioner, and author, Rosetta Sarah Elkin is an expert on living environments. She is "committed to design as a means to address the risk, injustice, and instability brought about by planetary climate disintegration." An Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture in Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Faculty Associate at the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard, Co-Director of the Masters of Design Studies in Risk & Resilience, and Principal of RSE Landscape, in 2018 she was awarded the Garden Club of America Rome Prize in landscape architecture. Her work has been featured in many publications, and exhibited at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Les Jardins de Metis, the Chelsea Festival, as well as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Rosetta Sarah says she was influenced by "Traf being adjacent to the mountain. I was searching for my independence, and getting outside afforded me endless opportunities."

EVERY YEAR WE SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON A "YOUNG OLD GIRL" WHO IS REALLY STARTING TO MAKE A NAME FOR HERSELF. SHE IS A...

WOMAN TO WATCH



LAUREN SHADLEY '07

COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE

In her keynote address at Career Day 2018 Lauren Shadley recalled that she was once a shy teenager, who had to take conscious steps to become the person she wanted to be. Her advice: "Don't let other people's expectations and experiences define what you think is possible. Hold fast to your goals and steer through the obstacles." Lauren became the captain of Traf's debating team, winning competitions and gaining a reputation as a skilled orator. After graduation, she coached Traf's debating teams while representing first Dawson College, then McGill University, then l'Université de Montréal in national and international tournaments. She also became President of the McGill Debating Union and Présidente du comité de droit pénal. Originally a Political Science and Psychology major, Lauren switched into Law, not only changing disciplines but also moving from McGill to U de M, going from a primarily English learning environment to a French one. She continued to excel, completing her LL.B. and getting called to the Bar in early 2018. Today she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Bar Association's National Criminal Justice section, a Member of The Lord Reading Law Society, and criminal defence attorney at Shadley Bien-Aimé. She says, "Trafalgar helped me to gain insights into finding my own voice, and communicating ideas with confidence."

Note: We invite Old Girls and other Traf community members to nominate Scholars & Explorers. Please contact The Advancement Office with your suggestions!

ALUMNAE NOTES AND NEWS

1930s

(The Late) ROSEMARY KERR HUTCHINSON '39 was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) in World War II. Stories about her experience are featured in a book called *True Canadian War Stories*, a collection compiled by *Legion Magazine*. Her son, Patrick, sent a copy of the book to Trafalgar, and excerpts from it were shared at the School's 2017 Remembrance Day ceremony.

1940s



RHODA & RHONA WURTELE '40 enjoyed a celebratory lunch with some Traf students and staff on the eve of the 2018 Winter Olympics' Opening Ceremonies. Rhoda's son, David Eaves, and his wife Patricia Glassford Eaves '72, helped to arrange this very special get-together. See the full story and photos earlier in this issue.

1950s

SHERRY DAWS-KNOWLES RICHARDSON '53, Lieutenant Commander of HMSC Sackville (ret'd.) writes that at age 82 she is as busy as ever. Trafalgar's 2014 Distinguished Alumna has been busy attending many events, including: the Battle of Atlantic Sunday in May 2018 (a service at sea committing 27 sets of ashes to the deep); a trip to Ireland for the RNA Battle of Atlantic week and service at Buncrana; several memorial services in Derry, Northern Ireland; a presentation and installation of the 3rd Convoy Bell in St. John's, Nfld.; the International Historic Ships Association Directors' meeting in the USN Academy in Annapolis; and the HNSA AGM & Conference in Bremerton, Washington. Add to this NSNOA and Baden-Powell Guild meetings; and Fire Patrol duties in a Cessna 172 at 2500 feet; (she's been flying for years!). "No wonder I don't have time to get into trouble," she says!

JEAN BANCROFT HARLOW '53 writes from Michigan that she is enjoying her children and grandchildren, and is keen to reconnect with classmates.

PHILIPPA HARRIS RUSSELL '54 studied at Trafalgar for one year as a 7-year old in 1943, while in Canada as a WWII evacuee from England. As an adult, she had an article published about her experience. She wrote to the Advancement Office to say she "will never forget the kindness [she] experienced at Trafalgar during that year." *Right: a picture of evacuees from the 1943 Echoes yearbook.*



CAMILLE CAMERON HAMILTON '57 from Missouri re-visited Trafalgar in 2017. Camille was a boarder from only 1952-54, but Traf left its mark on her. She remembers Dr. Foster, and her firm yet kind manner, as well as the other boarders. She remarked that although much has changed, so much feels the same.

ALUMNAE NOTES AND NEWS

1960s



YOKO NARAHASHI '64, known widely as Japan's "Gatekeeper to Hollywood," spoke about her film *Hold my Hand* at the 2016 Montreal Film Festival / Festival des Films du Monde de Montréal. Photo courtesy BlouinArtInfo.

HILARY CHALMERS MACLEOD '66 has released *Cod Only Knows*, her sixth book in The Shores mystery series, published by The Acorn Press. (Note: Her daughter, Kirsten MacLeod '86, also has a Class Note in this issue.)

JANE SMEDLEY MANSELL '66 shared a 1955 photo, taken when Governor General Vincent Massey visited the school to open the Simpson Street wing.



JANE IS IN THE FRONT ROW, LEFT.

PAMELA SEARS LUDOLPH '67 visited Traf in Summer 2017 for the first time since graduation. She found her name on the Governor's Honour Board in the school. Pamela is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and has worked as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Michigan.



VICKI MILNES '68 visited Veronica Focke Klein '68 in Guelph. They both agreed not to wait another 11 years to meet up in person!

JANET CHANDLER ALLINGHAM '68 writes that she is an active member of two working groups with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa: *The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund*, and *All My Relations*. She was pleased when last Spring her application for funding a three sisters garden (with corn, squash, and beans) beside her church was successful. She continues to research and write about the Abenaki, the "First Residents" of the Eastern Townships. She recently received funding from the Bélanger-Gardner Foundation of Bishop's University to support this research and to write an article for the *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies*. She is still involved with usability testing for print-based health information and recently devised a tool for one-on-one field testing to ensure that documents are reaching their intended users.

1970s

RACHEL FERRINGTON GILLOOLY '72

writes that after 30 years of planning, managing, and empowering international, national, and provincial conferences she has recently been hired as General Manager for *Sheatre*, a community-engaged arts organization. Rachel says that if she had to identify a theme for her career over the last 30 years, it would be “empowering organizations to make positive change” as she has helped make it possible for movers, shakers, and stakeholders of over 40 non-profit organizations to meet, debate, discuss, strategize” and learn. She says that working with Sheatre is very exciting and an amazing fit, which allows her to stay put in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands, where she’s lived for the past 23 years.



SUZANNE PAYAN '72 paid a visit in 2017 and located her mother's name, Jean McGown '32, on a McGill Honour Board in the library.

NAOMI CAMPBELL '77 was honoured by the Catharine Lorillard Wolf Art Club at the National Arts Club in New York. Her pieces can be found in collections in New York, London, and elsewhere. One of her pieces can be seen at the entrance of the Bronx Zoo subway station!

CATHY FERGUSON BURROWS '75 joined Trafalgar's Advisory Board in the Fall of 2017. Cathy has worked for many years at RBC and is now Manager, Marketing (USA). Cathy served as Co-Chair of Traf's 125th Endowment Campaign.

MARIANNE STOFFREGEN HORNGACHER '73 visited Traf in Spring 2018. She has been living in Austria for the past 28 years, and had not been back to Traf since graduation. She toured the school, and reminisced about everything from Mrs. Armbruster's Latin classes, to gym demos in the gym, (now the library).



MARIANNE MET SOME CURRENT STUDENTS, INCLUDING FELLOW CUMMING HOUSE MEMBER, CAITLIN SIBTHORPE '18.

JUDITH RIQUELME '74

and her husband paid a visit from Mexico City in September 2017. Judith attended Traf for just one year in 1971, as a boarder, sent by her parents to learn English. This was her first visit back to Canada and she has very fond memories of her time here. Judith stopped in to Sñra Fanzone's classroom where the (Grade 8) students had a chance to practice their Spanish with her.



ALISON HANCOX '77, a school Principal who resides in Alberta, was recognized by the Palliser Beyond Borders community as one of Canada's 2017 Outstanding Principals.

1980s

STEPHANI RISK KINGSMILL '83 has a new role as Senior Advisor to the CEO of Manulife, “or ManuVie as you know us in Montreal!” Manulife’s new CEO was appointed in Fall 2017. Stephanie was previously Global Head of HR for Manulife.

NATALIE DUMOULIN '83 and **CHRISTINA NACOS '85** were married on July 30, 2016 at a wedding officiated by Aislinn Mosher '83 and attended by a number of Trafites including: Tanya Sterbenk Anderson '83, Jacquie Schloss Young '85, Samantha Shatzky '85, and Sarah-Amelia Maurovich '03.



DAWN WISEMAN '84 and colleague Mela Sarkar of McGill University’s Department of Integrated Studies in Education won a \$25,000 Knowledge Synthesis Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada in 2017. In 2018, Dawn moved from McGill’s Faculty of Education, where she taught for three years, to Bishop’s University where she joins the Faculty of Education as Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning. At Trafalgar, Dawn served as TOGA’s president from 2014-2018, and helped to spearhead Traf’s Grade 7 student-led inquiry project in 2017-2018.



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ANDREA MANDEL-CAMPBELL '85 was named Senior Vice-President, Financial and Crisis Communications at NATIONAL Public Relations. Andrea is responsible for leading Toronto’s financial communications offering, including NATIONAL Equicom and all strategic situations, as well as overall crisis and issues management efforts.

PATRIZIA CAPPELLI, LESLIE KAUFMAN, LINDA KESSLER, ANDREA MANDEL-CAMPBELL, MICHÈLE MANI, JESSICA MOSHER, CHRISTINA NACOS, VIVIAN SALLAI, SHERYL LUDWICK-STOTLAND, ANNE TINSLEY, AND STEPHANIE ZELMAN (ALL '85) were proud to see the 6th-annual Forgirlsake Women’s Doubles Open take place in September 2017. These Traf grads established Forgirlsake—whose mission is to bring girls and women



together to support and educate girls in need—in 2005. Since then, the organization has supported high-school education for over 100 girls in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ghana; funded a solar-powered computer lab in Tanzania; introduced vocational programs in Peru; mentored Traf’s *Sisters for Sisters* program at the Sega School in Tanzania; established a three-year partnership with Shadhika, an organization that addresses gender

inequality in India; and committed to donating \$30,000 over the next three years to enable 10 girls to complete their college education in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, and Kolkata. Current Board Members include Old Girls Patrizia Cappelli, Alisia Grenville, Sheryl Ludwick Stotland, Linda Kessler, Anne Tinsley, and Stephanie Zelman as well as webmaster Shaune Thompson. Learn more about Forgirlsake at Forgirlsake.org or on social media.

1980s



ALISIA GRENVILLE '85 has launched a new project designed to create positive body imagery for girls with her tween/teen undergarment company, MaRen Designs. Her vision for a fun and fashionable line of lovingly designed bras began some years ago when her mom (now deceased) was diagnosed with breast cancer. As a mother, daughter, and sister, Alisia wanted to help change negative perceptions girls may have

of their developing bodies and make the ritual of mothers helping their daughters to choose a first bra a positive and pleasant experience. She loves the fact that her sisters, Delia Grenville '82 and Deidre Grenville '85 have been so supportive of the project. The MaRen Foundation, HRH, will work to provide support and mechanisms for girls in underdeveloped countries to promote positive body image through education and awareness.

KIRSTEN MACLEOD '86, lecturer in Victorian and Modern Literature at Newcastle University and a researcher in book and print culture, is the author of *American Little Magazines of the Fin de Siècle*, recently published by University of Toronto Press. It has been called a definitive work in the field. Her mother is Traf Old Girl Hilary Chalmers Macleod '66.

DR. VALÉRIE MARCEL '87 was a panelist at The Economist's Energy Summit in London, England this past November, speaking on "The Future of Oil". Valérie is an associate fellow at Chatham House, and leads the New Producers' Group, a collaborative network of 31 emerging oil and gas producer countries.

DIONNE CODRINGTON '88 won a RTDNA Canada award for the series "His Name was Anthony". The RTDNA awards recognize journalistic excellence in individual reporting, as well as for programs and stations across radio, television and digital platforms. Dionne was back at Traf speaking to senior students at Career Day in April 2018.

ROSELLA TURSI '85 edited a feature length documentary film about Willie O'Ree, the NHL's first black player. He withstood racial slurs in the late 50s as hockey was the last of the four major sports leagues to integrate. O'Ree was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame this year. Rosella says she is excited about editing the film because this story goes so far beyond hockey. Rosella also edited an episode of *The Last Defense*, Viola Davis' latest non-fiction series for ABC. That show exposed the failures of the American criminal justice system by re-examining the cases of two prisoners on death row for crimes they claim they did not commit. She worked on the story of Julius Jones, arrested in 1999 at 19 years of age for a carjacking/murder which had no physical evidence to tie him to the crime. The day after the last episode aired, the Oklahoma court of appeals reversed their denial to consider a claim made by Julius' current defense team that racism from one of the jurors tainted the deliberations. "For all of us who worked on this production, it was our greatest hope that the show would give much-needed exposure to this case and help Julius Jones in some way, but we never even imagined that progress would occur just one day after the finale aired! The ultimate dream is that he be exonerated and at least now he is one step closer. I love editing but when something so meaningful comes out of the work, it really fills me with the ultimate gratitude."



JOANNA GOODMAN '86 has a new novel out, her fourth: entitled *The Home for Unwanted Girls*, it is inspired by her mother's own story. *Chatelaine* magazine lists it as one of the "10 Books We Can't

Wait To Read In 2018." The Toronto Star says it is "historical fiction that will absorb you". Traf's annual Toronto TOGA Reunion was held at Joanna's book launch on April 26 at Ben McNally Bookstore. Proud Traf English teacher Jill Moll was there and Ms. Moll also welcomed her former pupil at Books on Beechwood in Ottawa where she has worked since retiring from Traf.

1990s

MAXINE GROSSMAN '92 gave a talk on “Health as a Spectrum, a sane approach to fitness, nutrition, and body image” at Traf’s Smart Parenting in the City workshop in 2018. Maxine is a personal trainer and owner operator of MG Personal Training.



ROBIN MCKENNA '93 was proud to have her documentary, *GIFT*, premier at ArtFIFA on March 16, 2017. Robin gave a talk in January at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts with Lewis Hyde, author of *The Gift: Creativity and the Artist in the Modern World*, which inspired Robin’s film. Critics describe *GIFT* as “A rich and cinematic character-driven documentary, taking us inside real-life gift economies.”

CHANTAL BEAUBIEN '94 has a new role as Senior International Affairs Analyst at the Library of Parliament in Ottawa.

JOANNE PHOTIADES-VELLOPOULOS '94 is a spokesperson for Ovarian Cancer Canada. She was the 2017 Girls for the Cure keynote speaker at Traf, sharing the experience of her battle with ovarian cancer. Now in remission, Joanne is helping with research, fundraising, and increasing awareness about women living with ovarian cancer. Joanne is a proud mom to two wonderful twin boys and is a yoga and hiking enthusiast; she was part of the Trafalgar 125th Team who climbed Kilimanjaro in 2012. As Manager, National Partnerships at BDC, Joanne is passionate about supporting social enterprise.



CAROLYN HOLLAND '95, was on the team responsible for content and design of The Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa, which completed a 3-year renewal project, re-opening its doors in November 2017. Carolyn is Officer, Exhibition Interpretation for the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation.

KAREN TAM '95 is an artist whose work was part of a group exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts opening in September 2018. In June 2018, Karen presented at the British Museum and Royal Anthropological Institute’s conference, “Art, Materiality, and Representation,” and at the the Global Asia/Pacific Art Exchange in London, organized by NYU.

FLANNERY BROWN '96 is currently living in Montreal with her husband and two sons, Gabriel and Russell, who both attend LCC. Flannery teaches Grade 10 and 11 English at Herzliah High School. She says her English teachers at Traf, Ms. Moll and Ms. Jarrett, were her inspiration. In addition to a BA and BEd, Flannery has a Master’s degree in Political Science, and as a result she tries to infuse her teaching with global affairs. She says she “truly sees literature as a vehicle by which to teach empathy and to gain an understanding of the world around us.”

KELLY TONKIN '97 writes that her son, Jack James Miles, born on October 9th, 2016, is obsessed with her Traf mug. Kelly and her mum Wendy Fyshe Tonkin '67 both enjoyed the 2017 Montreal Reunion. Kelly is a teacher at Selwyn House School.



1990s

ANJALI NAYAR '97, who lives in Nairobi, was back for her 20th anniversary class reunion in October 2017. She came directly from the NYC screening of her latest documentary *Silas* which was also part of the 2017 TIFF. (It seems that Leonardo DiCaprio was on board for this project too.) Her first feature documentary, *Gun Runners* was one of the Hot Docs in 2016 and can now be seen on Netflix.



JACKIE MERSEREAU '98 travelled to The Hague, Netherlands, and met up with Alison Low '98 who works for the International Baccalaureate Organization there. They hadn't seen one another since their 10-year Traf Reunion in 2008! Jackie (left) works for World Animal Protection in Toronto, and was visiting their office in The Hague. She says "It was great to see Alison again after all of these years."

JESSICA SINYOR '99 and Ben Perlman welcomed their third child, Mila Violet on June 22, 2018. Older siblings Jacob and Victoria are enamoured with their baby sister.



2000s

JULIE ST-GERMAIN '00 and husband Stephen welcomed son Thomas on June 23, 2018. She writes "We are both doing well and my husband, Stephen is doing a great job as a dad and doing all that he can to make this easier. We sometimes forget to cheer for the dads!" Julie often stops in to her neighbourhood coffee shop, Victor Rose, in Pointe-Claire, owned and operated by Marie Geller '06 and her mom Terri.



SUPRIYA DWIVEDI '02 co-hosts "The Morning Show with Mike Stafford & Supriya Dwivedi" weekdays on 640AM CBC radio, Toronto. Supriya has also been a panelist on CBC's *The National* and in September 2016 discussed the Clinton vs Trump debate.

LISA NOBEL '03 was awarded her MD/PhD from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in June 2018. Lisa is currently starting her Residency program in Neurology at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Mass.

MAICA ARMATA '03 is a singer-songwriter, musician, producer and occasional actress who spoke at Traf's Arts in the City workshop for girls in Grades 5 and 6 in 2018. Her original score is featured in the film *Dark Night*, which was celebrated at the Sundance and Cannes film festivals.

KATARINA DANIELS '04 and husband Anthony Caruso welcomed their first child, Julian Steve, on June 10, 2018. She writes that her sister accidentally walked into the wrong hospital room when she came to meet the baby and instead walked in on Adrienne Cadloff '04, who was staying in a room across the hall after the birth of her daughter! Katarina spoke at Career Day 2018.



2000s

AIMÉE SIMS MARCHETTI '05

gave a tour of Eton College to Traf's England Exchange students in March 2018. Aimée works for Historic Royal Palaces and is a Conservation Steward at Eton College.



REBECCA DOWD LEKX '06 sends news of the birth of Thomas Geoffrey Lekx (born November 29, 2017) who joined big brother Jonathan (then almost 3)! She says her family continues to enjoy living in the same neighbourhood as Grandpa "G" and Grandma Kathy. She freelances as a soprano and is a featured soloist in the *Studio de musique ancienne's* season. Her husband Peter also plays violin/viola with a number of Montreal ensembles, and will return to school in the fall to begin M.Div studies at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

ALI KELLNER '07 was proud to have her animated film *Nana* selected to screen at TIFF, Canada's Top Ten Film Festival, in January 2018. TIFF said: "This sentimental and surprisingly optimistic animated documentary identifies resilience and humanity in the face of atrocity as it deftly realizes the harrowing personal story of a Holocaust survivor." Ali studied animation at Concordia University and Sheridan College, and *Nana* (17), is her thesis film.

DR. ISABELLE SILVERSTONE-SIMARD '07

successfully completed her 5-year residency program in Psychiatry at McGill this year and passed her Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada exam for certification as a specialist in Psychiatry. She is now doing a fellowship at McGill University in Geriatric Psychiatry.



LAUREN SHADLEY '07 officially became a lawyer in December 2017, receiving her degree from Université de Montréal. Lauren joins her father Richard and brother Matthew in the family business where she will practice criminal law. Proud Traf sister is Gillian Shadley '89. After graduating from Traf, Lauren volunteered as Traf's Debating Team coach for several years, while serving on the executive of the McGill Debating Union (President 2011-12). Lauren says that Traf definitely instilled in her the idea that she could pursue any interest—there were no barriers. Lauren returned to Traf in April 2018 to give the Career Day keynote address.



AINSLEY DESMOND '09 and husband Ed welcomed baby Hudson James Simpson to the world on February 22, 2018.



JENNA OMASSI '10 came by in January 2017 to talk to Ms. Nikidis about the Student Diversity Initiative she was involved with at the University of British Columbia. Jenna was Advisor, Strategic Support Team in the Equity and Inclusion Office and the VP Students' Office. Jenna was off to University College London in Fall 2018 to begin her Masters in Security Studies.

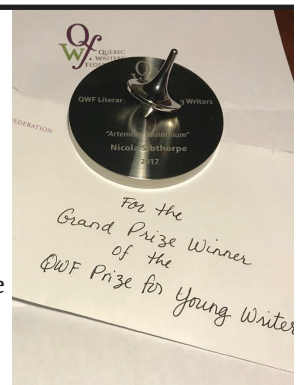
2010s



MARA HOWARD '11 volunteered to tour Sec. V students around Ryerson University while they were there for their Grade 11 trip in 2018. Mara has a Bachelor's of Social Work from Ryerson.

VERA WAGNER '11 wrote the Traf Staff a postcard from Wemindji, Quebec, on the east coast of James Bay, where she teaches Grade 2 in a Cree school. This was Vera's first teaching position since graduating from Traf. She is enjoying her time there and mentions Northern Lights, berry-picking, and interacting with students and colleagues.

NICOLA SIBTHORPE '12 was the 2017 winner of the inaugural Quebec Writers' Federation Literary Prize for Young Writers for her work "Artemisia Absinthium", published in *Headlight Anthology*, Concordia University. Nicola was thrilled to accept this award. "Writing is a passion I am able to pursue through my education, and my relationships with the wonderful and supportive people around me...There are so many teachers who have been an inspiration in my life...Annie Brown, Louise Jarrett, Karen Den Hertog, and Christianne Loupelle."



NICOLE FISHER '12 had a cartoon published in *The Montreal Gazette* in November 2016. Nicole is mentored by Traf dad and grand-dad Terry Mosher, AKA "Aislin".

VANESSA MOMAN '12 received the Behavioural Neuroscience Student Presentation Award plaque at The Canadian Spring Conference on Behaviour and the Brain held in March 2017 in Fernie, British Columbia. At the time, Vanessa was a second year psychology major assisting her PhD colleague testing rats and was asked to make the conference presentation.

CASSIE JONES '12 began attending Oxford University in September 2018, where she is pursuing a Masters in Medical Anthropology.

LARA ANTEBI '12 launched her first full-length album *Skin Collection* on July 20, 2017 at La Vitrola. Lara is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

KATIE ROCHFORD '11, joined the staff at Debate Camp Canada for the past two summers. Trafalgar has been the venue for this popular camp for the past three years, and Katie enjoyed working with Traf faculty member Rachel McCabe to make it a great success. Katie is studying at the University of Ottawa.

2010s

KATE WHITMORE '13 and the Empower McGill team won a \$4,000 cash prize at the annual Forces AVENIR gala in October 2017, celebrating outstanding students from Quebec high schools, CEGEPs and universities. "Empower McGill is a student-run initiative working to promote disability inclusion in the workplace by recognizing the positive relationship between a diverse workforce and the overall success of a business...Kate is Director of Speaker Relations at Empower McGill and is pursuing a major International Development while minoring in Political Science. Says Kate, "What many people don't know is that over one in ten adults experience barriers in their daily activities as a result of a disability."

MEGHANN KERR '14 was one of two Dawson Profession Theater students who created four short videos for The Montreal Center for Learning Disabilities (MCLD). Meghan is a student with learning disabilities and has been speaking out and advocating as an MCLD ambassador since she was 8, in an effort to bring awareness to the issues faced by learning disabled people and their parents in all walks of life.



MAYA CANT '13 studied Pure and Applied Sciences at Dawson, then went on to Concordia for her B. Eng in Industrial Engineering. She is currently completing a third internship at TRU Simulation + Training as part of the work-study program offered by Concordia. These internships allow enrollees in the Co-op program to gain engineering experience while pursuing their B.Eng, help them gain the necessary skills for when they enter the workforce after graduation, and ultimately achieve their engineering license.

EMMY ZEMEL '16 is a mental health advocate and "Next Generation" member of Mindstrong who addressed Traf students in January 2018. In this interactive workshop and information session, doctors and residents of the Jewish General Hospital engaged in meaningful conversations with students, helping to educate and sensitize them on all issues relating to mental health. As ambassadors, Emmy, along with her mother Orit Eisenberg, shared their personal testimony and touching story about how mental illness and the stigma attached to it has affected them. Emmy nominated Traf teachers for the Mindstrong #BreakEggBreakStigmaChallenge and cracked eggs on their heads to raise awareness for mental health.



EMMY WITH TRAF MOM, ORIT EISENBERG.

CHRISTIANNE-MARIE CANTWELL '16, was McGill's Grace Fairley Trafalgar Scholarship recipient in 2017. This award was founded in 1913 by friends and former pupils of the late Miss Grace Fairley (Traf's 1st Principal), to signal her long and faithful service to education as head of the Trafalgar Institute. The \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually to one graduate of Trafalgar School who has obtained high marks for admission to any full-time undergraduate degree course. Christianne-Marie was also recently named to Trafalgar's Advisory Board, making her the youngest member ever!

SKYE SCRUTON '17 was named Vice-Chair of John Abbott College's Model United Nations Team in season 2017.

MORGAN DOKE '18, received Bronze from Teen Ink Magazine in July 2018 for her story "A New York Movie Moment."

ALUMNAE NOTES & NEWS includes updates received between August 2017 and August 2018. News received after this date will appear in the next issue.

IN MEMORIAM

Phoebe Freeman Magee '37

April 21, 2017

Norma Gregg '38

March 18, 2018. Aunt of Jill Aylesworth '50

Marie Estelle Hargreaves Lanier '39

July 14, 2016

Marilyn Richardson Morf '44

January 28, 2017. Sister of Anne Richardson Haldimand '43.

Rosemary Kerr Hutchinson '39

January 26, 2017

Grace Phillips Hancock '41

September 13, 2016. Daughter of Dorothy Phillips Skaife '17. Mother of Kate Hancock-Cooke '75, Martha Hancock '79, Emma Hancock '81.

Marguerite Packard Luckhurst '41

September 19, 2016

Hermione Firth Denton '42

September 4, 2016

Rosemary Patterson Charnock '43

January 9, 2017. Sister of Margaret Patterson Thimble '47.

Natalie Chisholm '44

July 22, 2016. Sister of Dainty Chisholm Snyder '47.

Janice Jacques Vining '45

June 12, 2017. Sister-in-law of the late Nancy Cliff Vining '45.

Nancy Cliff Vining '45

April 10, 2017. Sister of Audrey Cliff '47, the late Judith Cliff Ferguson '50, and Mary Cliff Ross '52. Sister-in-law of the late Janice Jacques Vining '45.

Leticia "Letty" Artola Cox '48

May 19, 2018.

Honoré Ellen Walsh

October 14, 2017

Susan Racey Godber '51

July 16, 2017. Sister of Margaret Racey Stavert '47. Aunt of Suzanne Legge '76 and Martha Legge-Fitzpatrick '80.

Marjorie Janet LeDain Hammond '53

September 8, 2016. Sister of Virginia LeDain Chaplin '48.

Susan Birks Dwyer '53

April 26, 2017

Margot McLean Aird '54

March 15, 2017. Daughter of Lois McLean '27, niece of Joyce Birks '42, sister of Phyllis Firth '53, niece of Harriet Sutherland '19.

Lynne Harrison '56

May 15, 2017

Diana Falkner-Hennessy '58

September 5, 2017. Daughter of Georgina "Bunny" Fairie Falkner '30. Niece of Morna Yates Falkner '31.

Robin Richmond Mars '61

October 23, 2017

Anne Chisholm Varey '61

August 4, 2016

Lynne Clark Fraser '63

January 11, 2017. Sister of Suzanne Clark '63.

Victoria Jane Davis '72

June 2016

Heather Cherrier '78

December 12, 2017, Cousin of Nancy Brougham '78

Consuelo Guy '80

April 1, 2018

Willa Cameron Laferty '80

May 15, 2018. Sister of Susan Cameron Strickland '76.

Li-Hsien Fan '84

February 24, 2017

Jenifer Johnstone '88

March 13, 2018

Vanessa Dinucci '92

April 6, 2017. Sister of Johanne Dinucci '85 and Sabrina Dinucci '86.

Danielle "Dani" Hussein '13

September 24, 2016

STAFF NOTES & NEWS

CELEBRATIONS

Amy Allison

and her family welcomed Lillian Marrs Allison Moss into the world on March 8th, 2018, making it a very memorable International Women's Day for them!

Kathleen Casey-Cook

and her husband welcomed their first grandchild—Levi Casey Held—to the world on November 10th, 2018.

Gail Cornell

is thrilled to announce the arrival of her second grandchild, Wilfrid Jeffrey Rowles, born on November 1st, 2018.

Kanelli Vlahandreas

loves to share that she became a grandma again when Leonidas arrived on December 31st, 2017, a cousin for Emmanuel and Luca.

FAREWELLS

Tracy Smith joined the Traf staff in August 2014, and moved on to new adventures in June 2018. She taught in the Physical Education department, coached many different teams (including last year's Yearbook team) and acted as Student Life Coordinator. Both students and colleagues appreciated Tracy for her boundless energy, enthusiasm, and big heart. Traf wishes her all the best in her new role as Administrative and Student Affairs Coordinator (General Surgery) in McGill's Faculty of Medicine.

Lina Branter was Traf Librarian from 2009 to 2016. During that time she provided invaluable support and advice to teachers, staff and students about books, reading, and print and digital literacy. Chair of the I.T. Committee, she organized, developed, and implemented a digital citizenship programme and developed a professional development program for educational technology. She also organized and supervised various co-curricular activities including Traf Reads, Battle of the Books, the Technovation Challenge, and the monthly Book Café. Her colleagues greatly miss Lina, and wish her all the best in her new adventures as a freelance writer living on the beautiful West Coast.

Martha Hancock '79 retired from Trafalgar in April 2017, after 10 years as Database Manager in the Advancement Office. A proud member of Barclay House, Martha is part of a multi-generational Traf family: her grandmother, mother, and sisters are all graduates. A volunteer both before and after joining the staff, Martha sat on Traf's Advisory Board from 2006-2016; on the Governing Board from 2010-2016; and on the TOGA Board from 2006-2016 (serving as President from 2006-2011). She and her late mother established the annual TOGA Tea at Kensington Place, and provided many forms of generous philanthropic support over the years. The Traf Family is grateful for Martha's generosity and Traf spirit.

Marilyn Meikle '80 joined the ranks of former Traf staff members in 2017, after 10 years in the role of Marketing and Communications Coordinator. An Old Girl, Marilyn's extensive knowledge of her alma mater helped her to raise Traf's profile through various communications channels, including *The Victory*, which she edited. President of the TOGA Board from 1999-2001, she continued to volunteer for the school while working, serving on the Advisory Board from 2006-2016. Marilyn has always been generous with her time, and philanthropic support for the school. She and her husband Kevin (also a volunteer) are the parents of two Traf graduates—Katie (Class of '11) and Julia (Class of '17).

A Final Word from the Board Chair



ALISSA SKLAR (LEFT) AND AISLINN MOSHER (RIGHT) PRESENT AND FORMER BOARD CHAIRS

As Chair of the Trafalgar Advisory and Governing Boards, I feel very fortunate to work closely with our Head of School, Katherine Nikidis, and the diverse group of parents, Old Girls, staff, and community members hard at work on developing and realizing the strategic vision for one of the oldest girls' schools in Canada.

Our board members have shown true commitment to the values and long-term growth of the school, spending considerable time and energy in meetings, discussion, and planning. I would like to thank all of the Advisory and Governing members who have served for the last two years. I would also like to welcome the newest Advisory Board members to join our ranks as of this past Fall's Annual General Meeting.

Our board members take their responsibilities very seriously. First and foremost, we protect the tradition, mission, and values of the school. Next, we work with the Head of School to develop our strategic plan based on those values to ensure Trafalgar remains an innovative, warm, and engaging place for students to realize their potential.

And finally, we strive to ensure that there is good governance and financial oversight in place, with a clear focus on realizing goals in the strategic plan. This oversight helps create a platform for the Head of School and the team to both run the day-to-day operations of the school and implement innovative new programming and opportunities.

These are exciting times for Trafalgar, which require strong leadership to help us realize the strategic goals we have set for the school. Working towards this vision has injected a new level of excitement and enthusiasm among board members, students, teachers and staff. With your help and support, we are all looking forward to making these dreams a reality.

—ALISSA SKLAR PH.D., CHAIR, BOARD
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VISION

We inspire our girls and our teachers to dream of a better world and then empower them to create it. As a small school, we foster an environment that nourishes an authentic experience founded on developing individualized excellence, leadership, kindness, and global-mindedness.

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In the heart of downtown Montreal, our diverse school community challenges and inspires girls to embrace learning, be confident and shape a better world.



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